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MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER VORSTER AND THE
RHODESIAN DELEGATION AT RESIDENCE OF SOUTH
AFRICAN PRIME MINISTER IN PRETORIA - SEPTEMBER
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FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT OF SECRETARY'S STATEMENT AS NOTED
IN SUBJECT LINE. (S/PRS: NOTE THAT THIS IS SECOND
STATEMENT BY SECRETARY IN PRETORIA, SEPTEMBER 19. FIRST
STATEMENT WAS MADE AFTER MEETING WITH RHODESIAN DELEGATION
AT EMBASSY RESIDENCE; SECOND STATEMENT WAS MADE AFTER
MEETING WITH RHODESIAN DELEGATION AND VORSTER AT VORSTER
RESIDENCE).

QUOTE I REPORTED TO MR. SMITH THE PROPOSITIONS
DEVELOPED JOINTLY BY THE UNITED STATES AND THE UNITED
KINGDOM IN CLOSE CONSULTATION WITH THE PRESIDENTS
OF BLACK AFRICA. MR. SMITH AND HIS COLLEAGUES
CONSIDERED THESE PROPOSITIONS AND THEY HAVE NOW
RETURNED TO SALISBURY. I AM SATISFIED THAT MR. SMITH
AND HIS THREE CLOSE COLLABORATORS WILL REPORT
FAVORABLY TO THEIR OTHER COLLEAGUES. AFTER CONSULTATION
WITH THEIR COLLEAGUES THEY WILL HAVE TO PRESENT THESE
PROPOSITIONS TO THEIR PARTY CAUCUS. WHILE THE
RHODESIAN INSTITUTIONAL PROCESSES ARE TAKING PLACE,
I WILL SEEK CERTAIN CLARIFICATIONS FROM THE PRESIDENTS
OF BLACK AFRICA, PARTICULARLY PRESIDENT KAUNDA AND
PRESIDENT NYERERE. WE EXPECT THAT THIS PROCESS OF
CLARIFICATION AND CONSULTATION WILL BE CONCLUDED
TOWARDS THE END OF THIS WEEK. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Q: MR. SECRETARY, COULD YOU TELL US WHETHER YOU FEEL
MORE HOPEFUL ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF A BREAKTHROUGH
TOWARDS MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA NOW THAT YOU'VE
SPENT EIGHT HOURS IN CONVERSATION WITH PRIME MINISTER
SMITH?

A: I THINK MY STATEMENT SPEAKS FOR ITSELF AND OBVIOUSLY
IF PROGRESS HAD NOT BEEN MADE THERE WOULD BE NOTHING
TO REPORT TO THE RHODESIAN CABINET.

Q: IS IT ONLY PROGRESS, SIR, OR DO YOU THINK YOU ARE
NEARING A BREAKTHROUGH?

A. I BELIEVE THAT MY STATEMENT SPEAKS FOR ITSELF.

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